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## AM I WRONG

Am I wrong in believing in "Unidentified Flying Objects"?

In 1950 a friend told me of a book. This book changed my life, until after sixteen years I am the product of what I believed, thought and did for those past, short sixteen years.

The night of May 10, 1966, after sixteen years of studying, thinking, talking to witnesses, and reading every possible thought behind the subject of UFO's, I was knocked to the ground. I was put down by a television program in the same method that a criminal is put down in court. The only thing different is I am no criminal! I will not tolerate the method in which I personally was shot down. I am not guilty!

I, as a citizen of the United States of America will not stand by and be ridiculed by the United States Air Force or the Central Intelligence Agency, just because they used there so-called hinchmen to cover up the greatest story ever to happen to this planet, with one exception.

When people, especially those in command, can use old political knowledge and tact to knock the opposition down, or better yet, make him look bad. Then it is time to strike back, even if a minority hear the truth.

Am I wrong? When I say that the common lay person does not know about Air Force Regulation 200-2. They did not use this on TV for reasons you and I know would have put the UFO phenomena in the pro class. They wanted to keep it on the negative side.

Air Force Regulation 200-2 states in a manner that the UFO does exist or they ( U.S.A.F. ) would not be investigating them.

Do they (U.S.A.F. - C.I.A.) think that we are all mis-fits, nuts and religious cultists? According to a well-known Astronomer Carl Sagan, we are, or have been for the last nineteen years.

If you saw the program, CBS Special Report on UFO's, then you also heard him say without the so-called tongue-in-cheek, that those people who study this phenomena is, or do belong to the cultist religious types of group. Why didn't he call Project "Blue Book" the head of the "Cultist Church"?

Am I wrong in saying that there are over 500 pilots that have viewed UFO's? According to Dr. Menzel, they all saw temperature inversions or light refractions.

This is why many air line pilots and military pilots also have come to the independent researcher or one or more of the UFO study groups to discuss there sightings.



If we remember one thing as long as we study this problem. We are not dealing with life as we know it. Someone is always stating (life as we know it). Lets face it. If we are dealing with life as we do not know it.

Am I wrong in saying that there is no proof that the UFO's are extra-terrestrial in origin? They already admitted that the United States does not have UFO's and no Foreign Power has them.

That leaves another world, or someone in space, or not of this world or in conclusion extra-terrestrial in origin.

Am I wrong???

Allan J. Manak  
Chairman of Scientific Ufologists

#### SCIENCE, SIGHTINGS AND SECRECY

The recent sighting reports of U.F.O. activity in Southern Michigan have once again focused the spotlight of public attention on the phenomenon commonly called "flying saucers."

Since the Kenneth Arnold sighting of June 24, 1947, there have been a number of times when these reports have made nationwide news. However, many sightings are either not reported or are confined to local news coverage and thus the impact of the approximately 50,000 world-wide sightings over the past twenty years has never become fully apparent to the American public.

Over the years two definite schools of thought have developed in this country which attempt to explain this phenomenon.

One group, representing our government, suggests that almost all sightings can be explained as either natural happenings which are not known to the viewer or else hoaxes and hallucinations. The second group, who are generally lumped together under the term "U.F.O. Enthusiasts," hold to the view that flying saucers are the space vehicles of intelligent races from other planets who are visiting the Earth. This argument has been raging for many years and has served to further confuse and mystify the general public.

On March 25th, House Minority Leader Gerald Ford of Michigan called for a "full-blown" Congressional Investigation into the facts surrounding U.F.O. sightings. It is my hope that this investigation will take place even though a final conclusion regarding the nature of the U.F.O.'s may not result.

While we are awaiting further news on the subject, let's examine the evidence which is now available. It seems to me that this evidence can be more conveniently examined if it is broken down into three main categories. These can be summarized as the three S's of Science, Sightings and Secrecy.

In the field of science mankind is presently in the midst of a tremendous revolution which seems to be gaining rather than losing momentum. Our rapidly-expanding knowledge in the fields of astronomy, biology, electronics and rocketry is leading us headlong into the new frontier of the space age.

Twenty years ago most astronomers felt that planetary systems such as ours were extremely rare. Today, however, it is generally thought that most of the 100 billion stars in our galaxy or Milky Way have planets similar to those in our solar system. In his recently published book, "Planets for Man", Stephen H. Dole of Rand Corporation has estimated that there may be as many as 600 million planets in the galaxy that would so closely resemble our Earth that man could live on them.

Prior to 1950, in the field of biology, it was generally thought that the basic molecules needed for even the most primitive forms of life were so complex that only a miracle could have accounted for the appearance of life on Earth. Today the synthetic formation of some of these basic molecules has led scientists toward the conclusion that it may someday be possible for man to create life from inorganic matter.

Some biologists now feel that life may be very abundant wherever certain minimal conditions exist. Thus, in a few short years, our ideas have shifted from a barren galaxy where a few lifeless planets existed to that characterized by Walter Sullivan's excellent book entitled "We Are Not Alone."

In the fields of electronics and rocketry our advances are well-known. As we reach out beyond our home here on Earth it is increasingly apparent that, if we can travel in space, so could other intelligent races. Some scientists have even guessed that we will be attempting our first interstellar voyage about 200 years from now.

So far we have only discussed the pro-U.F.O. side of the argument. Most scientists would readily admit that all these things may be valid, but still have reservations on two important points.

The first is that the speed of light (186,000 miles per second) is the fastest possible according to Einstein's Theory of Relativity. To date we have not been able to accelerate



even subatomic particles to the speed of light. Unless there is a way of exceeding this seemingly ultimate speed a one-way trip to the nearest star Alpha Centauri would take four years. At best the trip would be tedious and travel in the galaxy which measures 100,000 light years across would be quite impossible.

The second point is that none of the saucers have even been publicly known to be captured so that they could be tested under scientific conditions. Until these two points are cleared up it will be difficult for established scientific opinion to accept the idea of interstellar visitors.

Although there have been many indications throughout human history that flying saucers have been seen, it is not until we reach the 1750's that the sighting reports are put into language which make them recognizable as the type of objects that we are observing today.

One of the best sightings prior to this century occurred on April 19, 1897, at a farm near Le Roy, Kansas. At 10:30 in the evening there was a great disturbance among the farm animals and three members of the family went out to investigate. They found an immense blimp-shaped object descending toward the barnyard. Beneath this was a carriage of some transparent substance.

"The carriage was brilliantly lighted and was occupied by six of the strangest beings I ever saw," one witness reported. Suddenly, the three were caught in a strong light and then the ship rose to around 300 feet.

At this point they heard a heifer bawling and going to her found a metallic rope around her neck which was tangled in a barbed wire fence and then passed on up to the ship above.

"We couldn't get it off so we cut the wire loose and stood in amazement to see the ship, heifer and all, rise slowly disappearing in the northeast," the witness said.

This incident is vividly detailed in Jacques Vallee's "Anatomy of a Phenomenon", which ranks as one of the best books yet written on the subject of U.F.O.'s. It is worth noting that starting on October 10, 1896, and continuing until April 20, 1897, a cigar or a blimp-shaped object was reported in areas all over the United States and seen by many thousands of people.

Another memorable incident is reported in Coral Lorenzen's excellent book "The Great Flying Saucer Hoax." In September of 1950, three carrier-based U.S. fighter bombers were on a mission

over North Korea. Suddenly, two large disc shaped objects which appeared to be about 700 feet in diameter were observed both visually and on radar.

When the discs neared the planes, they came to a dead stop and then began following the fighter bombers and even circled them. After a few minutes they left at high speed and quickly disappeared. Aside from the size and speed of the objects, this sighting is interesting due to the fact that while the discs hovered near the three bombers the radar and radio sets of the planes were jammed and useless.

"Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery", by Aime Michel recounts the amazing wave of sightings in France which occurred from August to November of 1954. One of the early sightings happened at a small town named Vernon some 40 miles northeast of Paris. At 1 a.m. on the night of August 23rd, three separate observers, who were unknown to each other and at widely separated locations, watched in awe as a large luminous, cigarshaped object, which stood in a vertical position, dropped five smaller disc-shaped objects into the night in different directions.

After 45 minutes the huge cigar simply faded into darkness with no apparent motion being involved in its disappearance. On September 14th, this phenomenon was repeated before hundreds of witnesses in daylight conditions in an area 250 miles Southwest of Paris.

These are but a few in the vast catalog of reports that have been gathered over the years. The usual Air Force explanations of natural events, balloons, hallucinations and hoaxes are at times rather strained when put to the test in such cases. Indeed, there are presently at least 646 cases which our Air Force admits it is unable to explain. Many of these can be found in the "U.F.O. Evidence," published by Major Keyhoe's organization in Washington (N.I.C.A.P.). This 186-page book gives the details of 750 sightings made in the United States since 1947.

Many people will remain unconvinced by either the quantity or quality of the sighting evidence. They will take the position of David Dietz, the science editor of the Cleveland Press, or Dr. Donald Menzel of the Harvard Observatory, which is that nothing has been proven because this evidence can't be subjected to repeatable experiments under laboratory conditions.

These and many others representing the established scientific community feel that their position concerning saucers is the correct one.

This position is best expounded in Dr. Menzel's book "The World of Flying Saucers," in which he tries to rationalize certain well-known sightings. It is worth reading for those who wish to develop a wellrounded and cautious view of the sighting evidence.



I believe that any consideration of government secrecy should be made in light of the following statement, quoted from Facts on File, Nov. 8-14, 1962. Arthur Sylvester was, and still is, the Assistant Secretary of Defense of the United States.

"Sylvester, responding to newsmen's criticism of the Administration for allegedly misleading the press and withholding information during the Cuban crisis, asserted on Oct. 30th that management of news was 'part of the arsenal of weaponry' available to an administration in dealing with crises. Sylvester was quoted as saying: The 'content and timing' of government-generated news could be used in the application of international pressure; 'in the kind of world we live in, the generation of news by government becomes one weapon in a strained situation; the results, in my opinion, justify the methods we used.'"

In a recent speech reported in the Cleveland Plain Dealer of March 27, 1966, Governor George Romney of Michigan is quoted as follows: "Too often, the press is treated as an enemy and public opinion as a nuisance. Release of information is centralized. Security is invoked to cover up political indiscretions. Press conferences are rigged with planted questions. And the supposed right of the government to lie has been asserted shamelessly."

If the readers of this series need further evidence to support the "managed news" thesis I suggest that they become acquainted with any of the following books: "The Fourth Branch of Government" by Douglas Cater, "Washington Cover Up" by Clark Mollenhoff and "Invisible Government" by David Wise.

At this point, it is a fair question to ask just what "managed news" has to do with flying saucers. The position of the "U.F.O. Enthusiasts" is that the news concerning saucers is really happening. Perhaps the way to settle this controversy is by the examination of the government's procedures for investigating U.F.O. sighting reports and the release of their conclusions to the public.

A recent Project Blue Book report states in part that: "The United States Air Force has the responsibility under the Department of Defense for the investigation of unidentified flying objects (U.F.O.'s) reported in the skies over the United States. The name of this program, which has been in operation since 1948, is Project Blue Book. Procedures for conducting this program are established by Air Force Regulation 200-2... To date, the firm conclusions of Project Blue Book are:

(1) No unidentified flying object reported, investigated, and evaluated by the Air Force has even given any indication of threat to our national security.

(2) There has been no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that sightings categorized as unidentified represent technological development or principles beyond the range of present day scientific knowledge.

(3) There has been no evidence indicating that sightings categorized as unidentified are extraterrestrial vehicles."

Air Force Regulation 200-2 which is quoted from N.I.C.A.P.'s "UFO Evidence" reads in part: "In response to local inquiries resulting from any U.F.O. reported in the vicinity of an Air Force base, information regarding a sighting may be released to the press or the general public by the commander of the Air Force base concerned Only If It Has Been Positively Identified As A Familiar Or Known Object."

Many "UFO Enthusiasts" would claim that it is this regulation which is responsible for the Air Force's explanation of the Ann Arbor sightings as "swamp gas". Could it also be responsible for the Air Force's explanation that the April 17th sighting by Portage County Deputy Sheriffs Dale Spaur and W. L. Neff was nothing more than the planet Venus.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer article of April 18th, stated; "Spaur described the object as about 40 feet wide and 18 feet high. A brilliant beam of light from the object lit the area."

The Record-Courier of Ravenna quoted Spaur as saying that the object was first seen rising out of some trees about 150 feet away, and that an antenna-like object was seen on the side of it.

I leave it to the reader to draw his own conclusions concerning this rather typical Air Force explanation.

I would like to conclude this article with a look to the future. For if, indeed, we are being observed by a group of superior beings from other areas of the galaxy, then we must someday confront the consequences of this fact. Nobody can give a full picture of what such a future will portend.

Jacques Vallee's book "Anatomy of a Phenomenon" gives at least one view of the future on page 114. He notes a conversation between Nikolai Lenin and H. G. Wells in which Lenin states: "If we succeed in establishing interplanetary communications, all our philosophical, moral and social views will have to be revised."

"In this case, the technical potential, become limitless, would impose the end of the role of violence as a means and method of progress."

By Peter Thompson, 25581 Chatworth Dr., Euclid, Ohio



#### WHO SAID THAT

According to the Microwaves magazine of April 1966, a warning about the danger of looking at laser beams, whether direct or reflected. It may not seem serious, but the retina may receive pinpoint scarring or there may be a slight occlusion of the cornea.

It could happen by being beamed across the aisles at a trade show or reflected accidentally from parts being peerce by the beam. The interesting portion of the article, is the effects cumulative.

The Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory (with the aid of advanced computer techniques) has been able to assemble the most comprehensive star catalog published. The 250,000 stars are compiled on 2600 pages and were accomplished by the use of twelve magnetic tapes. (Electronic Design, April 26, 1966)

According to Science Digest (May 1966), navy scientists have discovered two galaxies that are producing fantastically powerful x-rays. The x-radiation is 10 to 100 times as great as the radio source being emitted.

In the same issue, two Lockheed engineers have observed two large clouds of cosmic debris orbiting Earth in the same path as the moon. One cloud leads the moon by some 60 degrees and the other trails by the same distance.

Science & Mechanics magazine of June 1966 has published Part I of a new series of articles on a very interesting thesis pertaining to the Russian space flights, which is entitled, "The Russian Spacemen Who Weren't There". The material contained in the article is to be reviewed with much interest and should be analyzed with a clear mind.

An interesting group of articles are compiled in the IEEE Spectrum magazine of March 1966 and is contained in the report of the session held to diagnose the manner in which we may be able to communicate with extraterrestrial life.

The articles have as the moderator, Harold Wooster, Director of Information Sciences; Directorate of the Air Force Office of Scientific Research; Paul Garvin, of Bunker-Ramo Corporation Defense Systems Division; Lambros Callimahos, of the National Security Agency; John Lilly, Director of the Communication Research Institute; William Davis, Director of Research at the Huyck Corporation and Francis Heyden, S.J., Professor and head of the Department of Astronomy at Georgetown.

The material contained therein is very enlightening and in one section it shows the methods that are seriously being contemplated in the event of a visitation of personages from an extraterrestrial source.

From a survey of the articles, it is very evident that other sources than the Government are entering into a study of what is publicly being stated by certain individuals to be non-existent.

I allude to the statement, "There is no human life on other planets or there is no evidence of human life." Yet important personages are quietly investigating and even formulating means and methods of communicating with there "non-existent" beings.

By Elmer Schutt

#### INSIDE PROJECT GRAY FILE

##### HAVE SPACE PEOPLE CONTACTED WORLD LEADERS?

If space visitors are the reason behind the many sightings of "flying saucers", why don't they contact the government? This is a question which makes a lot of sense and of which we have heard more times than any other. Well, what about it? Has there ever been any contacts with any governments at any time?

Referring to Project Gray File, I have succeeded in coming up with a bit of information which is very interesting.

From Project Gray File-Dated 14 March 1965  
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##### "The UFO Saga: Part 9"

It seems that one of the so-called saucer contactees, George Van Tassel, stated quite flatly that former President Dwight Eisenhower talked to spacemen and went aboard one of their craft at Edwards Air Force Base, California, in his early years as President.

Speculation has it that all world leaders have already been contacted by the visitors from space. The news was supposed to have been kept quiet because of the fear that panic and economic chaos may result. Believers say that it has not been kept quiet and large numbers of people heard about it through rumors.



The President made a trip to Palm Springs, California, announcing that he was going to play golf. But an oversight took place being that the President was supposed to have left his golf clubs in Washington.

A friend of a friend who knew the landlady of the motel where the Eisenhower's stayed in Palm Springs, mentioned that Mrs. Eisenhower stayed at the motel, while the President was driven off in a limousine and was not seen for three days.

By coincidence, Edwards Air Force Base was "closed" for those same three days.

Reason: A spacecraft was supposed to have landed at Edwards and placed in hangar No. 8. Mr. Eisenhower went there to talk to the occupant.

From Project Gray File-Dated 2 March 1965  
Credit Information-Newspaper Clipping - Detroit Free Press  
Article By Stephan W. Moore

President Johnson while speaking to a group of 700 women said, "...no leader of any people, however great his wisdom, can dare prophesy what the future holds for us. We can see and foresee problems that are too great to be solved by man's mind--or, yes, even by women's hearts."

About a week previous to this the Gilpatrick Report was given to Congress. Since this was a study of the grim and inevitable spread of nuclear know-how, is the President attempting to prepare the public for something?

For instance, that we may soon need assistance from more advanced planets as a sort of last chance means of saving the planet?



Isn't it about time our leaders let the public know what is going on?

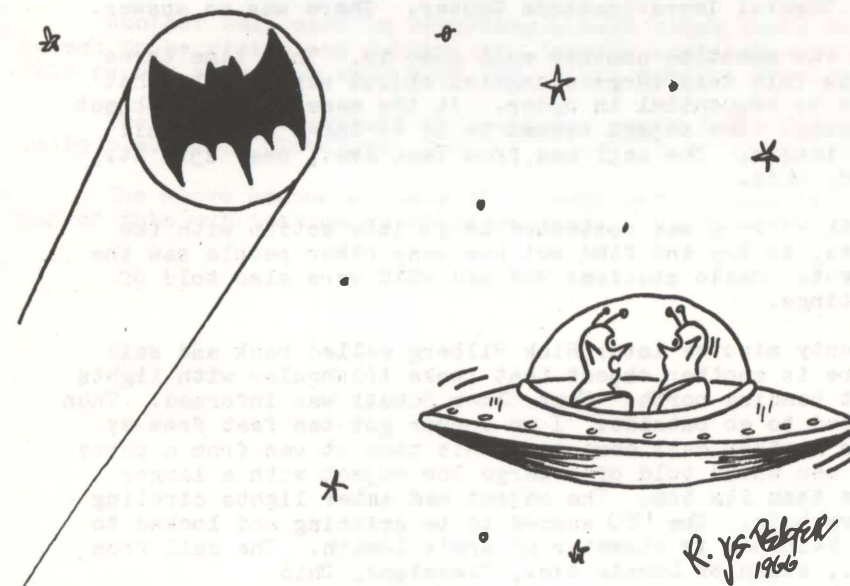
Stephan W. Moore

Many individuals have claimed, at one time or another, to have been contactees. In my estimation, the late George Adamski rates as one of the most fantastic of them all. He not only claimed to have met with space beings but also actually ridden in their crafts---through space, to the Moon, and Venus. Truly an incredible feat, I must say.

Surely, the beings who are able to construct and fly such an amazing craft through the darkness of space at fantastic speeds are overpowered with high intelligence. Therefore, why would they travel such long distances just to contact George Adamski, Van Tassel, or just any ordinary Joe Blow? I would think that if we were to reach a planet with life originating on it, we would try to contact some kind of leader and not just any individual at random.

Now sit back, relax, and think for awhile! Have space people contacted our world leaders?

Ry Ronald Jos. Pelger



"NOW WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE THAT MEANS?"



\* \* \* \* \* COVER STORY \* \* \* \* \*

ONE OF CLEVELANDS BEST

9. October 1965 - This perhaps was the most thrilling sighting ever to happen in the Cleveland Area. At 8:50 p.m. Cleveland time, Miss Pat Gresiwald of 4210 Cloud Ave., Cleveland, Ohio called the Report Center and reported a large disk shaped object with white lights around its center. The objects body was silverish in appearance and had a dome or ball type super-structure on top. This was witnessed by six people. The time was 8:45 p.m.

Five minutes later a call came in from Wade Ave., Cleveland, Ohio - this one was witnessed by 12 people who all saw a very large round object with lights all around it. The object itself was spinning or the lights were. Both of these objects were heading in a northern direction. The Report Center in turn went into effect. The Cleveland Press reported four sightings were called in. The Cleveland Plain Dealer had none. Case Tech reported that they had a change of personnel within the last half hour and did not have any information on any UFO. The Cleveland Hopkins Airport told the Report Center to inform the United States Air Force. The Report Center called the U.S.A.F. Special Investigations Center. There was no answer.

In the meantime another call came in. This time three people saw this very large elongated object with lights that seemed to be sequential in order. At the same time the object was spinning. The object seemed to be as large as a pencil at arm's length. The call was from Vega Ave., near 25th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

Rick Hilberg was contacted to go into action with the C.B. units, to try and find out how many other people saw the same object. Radio stations WHK and WKYC were also told of the sightings.

Twenty minutes later Rick Hilberg called back and said that there is another object that looks triangular with lights around it heading north. Next Elmer Schutt was informed. Then I proceeded to go outside. I no sooner got ten feet from my door when another call came in. This time it was from a party of three men which told of a large low object with a larger underside than its top. The object had amber lights circling its entire body. The UFO seemed to be spinning and looked to be about 4-inches in diameter at arm's length. The call from W. 61 St., south of Lorain Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

I had just hung the phone up when another call came in. This time from Schott Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. Four men called in very excited to tell their story. They saw a large whitish-silver object with lights in a single row around the craft. These lights were going off one after the other. When one light would go off, the other would go on. Like sequential lights. One of the witnesses said the base of the craft seemed to be V-shaped. One said it was mushroomed shaped. Both agreed that the top of the object was in a shadow. They first saw the object in the northern sky. It then proceeded to move to the south, then with quick movement went to the west then to the north and disappeared. All three agreed of its color but disagreed to its appearance, especially of the vehicle's underside. It was viewed for about 8 to 10 minutes.

At this time the Report Center called Cleveland Hopkins Airport Traffic Control and was informed that there was a cloud layer at 2200 feet with another at 4200 feet. Visibility of nine miles. There was a light rain falling throughout most of the evening in parts of the Cleveland Area.

Mrs. Carol Moss, while driving home with her husband from Ashland, Ohio to Euclid, Ohio was passing West 14th Street and Clark Avenue., in Cleveland, when they both noticed 6 to 8 square lights following one another. They seemed to be floating or they were attached and could have been one object.

Another call came in reporting a high pitch sound that seemed to be rising and falling and lasted about ten seconds. This report came from West 95th Street and Madison Ave. area.

The last four reports all gave the approximate time of 10:15 p.m. ESDT, Cleveland, Ohio.

The above accounts' name of persons were purposely left out of this publication at their request.